

FOOD PRODUCTION CUT IN GERMANY

Agricultural Board Is Optimistic, However, If People Work.

A SHORTAGE IS NEAR

Wheat Shortage Is Placed at 2,500,000 Tons, Commission Says.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Production of food in Germany has decreased to such an extent as to alarm the national commission of German agriculture, which now demands that government control of food production be abolished except in the case of wheat.

The commission refutes a statement by the national economic ministry that the German people are in no danger of shortage of food and declares that Germany "will suffer an unlimited collapse" unless the problem is attacked with open eyes. "The power of production has sunk so much and the best supplies are so low that only speedy reconstruction can come anywhere near safeguarding Germany's food supplies," asserts the national commission. It states that the wheat shortage in the coming year will amount to 2,500,000 tons. The potato harvest cannot be maintained during the coming winter, it says, for the potato crop also has been fabulously estimated.

The commission demands that control of meat sugar and barley be abolished and a premium be offered for production of potatoes. Manila is to have the largest, most modern and most completely equipped pier in the far east.

Tons of Gum Shipped Daily With Fleet of Pierce-Arrow Trucks

Without the motor trucks, the distribution system of southern states would be crippled seriously, it is stated by an official of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car company.

Many examples of the success in which trucks have solved delivery problems are at hand. For a shipping one is that of a big shipping firm manufacturer of Chicago. Five thousand and one thousand Pierce-Arrow trucks have been put out of the 41,000 of new trucks shipped daily by this firm.

The gum manufacturer, the Wm. Wiegley, Jr. company, for some years attempted to maintain an adequate output of its product through the use of a private freight car siding. Delivery was so slow and uncertain, however, that motor trucks were installed. Then after four years the firm now "finds" express and freight shipments directly to the railroad sidings.

The automobile performance is not maintained in the truck which has the five five-ton trucks which are engaged solely in this work. In 1918, 1,441 tons of gum and 2,734 tons of other goods were shipped in this way. The five-ton trucks used in this work have an average speed of 22.5 miles. The average five-ton performance for the 23 working days shows that each truck averaged 4.5 trips and 129 deliveries, carrying 266 tons and traveling 5,000 miles. A gallon of gasoline lasted an average of 3.6 miles, despite the fact that city traffic conditions are encountered.

World Protect Tourists. HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 20.—Professional guides to tourists and strangers in this capital, hereafter must convince the city authorities that they have no previous records. This is by order of the mayor.

A touch raises the lenses of new goggles for motorists out of the way to afford clear vision.

CHART AIR LANES ON THE ATLANTIC

Aeronautical Service Is Making Maps Now for Future Use.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Air routes between New York and London and as far south as Rio de Janeiro are being charted by the Atlantic coast service of the United States army, according to Col. Arthur Miller, commanding the Mitchell and MacFarland fields on Long Island.

The army division of six the MacFarland and four bombing machines with 12 De Havilland and four bombers in reserve are in the Atlantic coast service. The latter feature will be accomplished by means of a series of aerial reconnaissance flights over the Atlantic coast, general map making, ocean charting and reporting ships in distress at sea. The latter feature will be accomplished by means of a series of aerial reconnaissance flights over the Atlantic coast, general map making, ocean charting and reporting ships in distress at sea.

Col. Miller said the flyers were giving an excellent demonstration of how an army division and pilot can be used to advantage in time of peace. An observer accompanying each De Havilland plane. Each machine has an increased gas carrying capacity. The first aerial reconnaissance was organized and trained at Kelly field, Texas, shortly after the outbreak of the war and was later sent overseas, where it saw much active service. Army flyers have long been doing Mexican border patrol work, but it is the first time the colored said that they have been employed in similar aerial reconnaissance.

Each machine of the service to include mapping of aerial routes on the Atlantic seaboard and later the middle Atlantic states, is said to be in contemplation. At present while completion is out on patrol work the other two-thirds are testing. All flights are non-stop between the home field and the destination, thus

Must Return Shoes Stolen from Cars of Eastern Lines

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20.—Wardens and safe holders who are now wearing shoes, shoes, the property of manufacturers and shoe stores from freight cars by an organized band of railroad thieves, will be asked to return to federal officials, who are said to have the means of persons buying such footwear.

It is known that thousands of pairs of shoes were stolen from freight cars in this city and surrounding towns, a majority of which were carried to thieves and hidden away.

ARCHITECTURAL CONGRESS

First Pan-American Show to be Held in March of Next Year.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15.—The first pan-American congress of architecture will be held here during the first week of March, 1920. If the proposal of the society of architects of Montevideo is not into effect. A resolution approving the congress has been adopted by the Uruguayan national council of administration and institutions have been issued. The central society of architects in Argentina has already accepted.

The resolution points out that reconstruction in Europe will be undoubtedly based upon "the exigencies of modern life and new organizations of human thought from the point of view of architectural art and that American countries should not be backward.

putting the pilots under a systematic rigorous point of training as they experienced during the war. Aviation experts have attributed the efficiency of American pilots in France to the fact that they were compelled to fly at regular intervals and, consequently, did not have time to forget their training.

BRITISH COLLEGE HONORS MORGAN

Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws Is Given. Financier.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Spectator points out to Englishmen that the honorary degree of doctor of laws conferred by Cambridge university on J. P. Morgan of New York was "extraordinarily well-deserved."

Morgan has always been a fast friend of this country and a hard worker for closer Anglo-American understandings. "Early in 1915 his firm was selected to act as commercial agents for the British government in the United States. It was he who concentrated and coordinated the enormous orders for war supplies. He also acted as agent for the French government and by eliminating competition in prices and deliveries he probably saved the allies hundreds of millions of pounds."

It was Mr. Morgan again who took the chief part in placing on the American market the Anglo-French loan for 100,000,000 pounds, a loan unprecedented in the history of external loans by any government. He refused to accept any remuneration for placing this loan. His work in using British securities to stabilize the exchange was also invaluable.

"He has done more than risk his fortune in the cause of the allies; he has risked his life. His recent fall from the French assassin who was a narrow escape from him was a narrow one. Englishmen may well rejoice in any honor which can give some satisfaction to Mr. Morgan."

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